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Mr. Stephen M. Schwebel  
The American Society of International Law  
2223 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
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Dear Mr. Schwebel:

Thank you for sending to the Director the Resolution and the Report of the 67th Annual Meeting of your society. We shall consider them very carefully.

As you and your Association are aware, the Department of State has an active program in being to advance the publication of Foreign Relations of the United States responsive to the Presidential Directive of 8 March 1972. In the course of its activities in this regard, the Department refers certain documents to this Agency for our views on declassification questions. I am informed that we respond to these queries promptly. Indeed it is my understanding that the Department and all other agencies are doing their very best to accomplish the President's objective of reducing the time lag to 20 years and to accomplish that in three years.

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Yours very truly,

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General Counsel

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